



Gahanna PD Community Bulletin: June 2021



Members of the Gahanna Community:

As we return to in-person events, we look forward to the opportunity to meet with the monthly community civic association members in person this month. We will also have a conference bridge open for those members that wish to attend by phone.

We look forward to offering many of the Division's community outreach opportunities again in the coming months, including the popular Citizen Police Academy, self-defense classes and other safety programs for residents and businesses.

Kicking off our Independence Day activities is the City of Gahanna's July 4th Celebration with the much anticipated return of fireworks on July 3rd, and the annual Lion's Club Parade at 1 pm on July 4th. While this is an exciting time to celebrate our freedom among family and friends, we ask that you please stay safe and vigilant while doing so. For more information on the City's plans, visit Gahanna.gov/IndependenceDay.

Jeff Spence
Chief of Police

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Summary of Division Activity for May

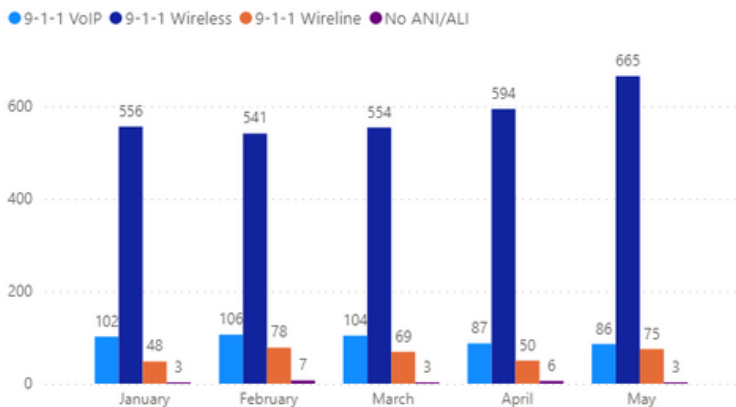
Support Services - Communications Center:

- Dispatchers handled 853 9-1-1 calls throughout the month. 9-1-1 calls received by the Communications Center were answered in an average of three seconds. Two text-to-911 messages were received.
- 77.8% of all 9-1-1 calls received by the Communications Center originated from cellular phones, while 12.9% were received from VOIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) telephone lines/systems.
- An additional 2,468 calls were received through the Division's non-emergency lines in May.
- 2,474 calls for service were dispatched during the month.

Gahanna 9-1-1 System Data

Month	9-1-1 Total	9-1-1 Wireless	9-1-1 Wireline	9-1-1 VoIP	No ANI/ALI	Average Answer Delay (Seconds)	Abandoned Calls	Rollover Calls	Non-Emergency Lines	Text to 9-1-1
January	710	556	48	102	3	4.00	80	0	2241	0
February	735	541	78	106	7	4.00	65	0	2141	0
March	732	554	69	104	3	4.00	70	0	2499	4
April	753	594	50	87	6	4.00	71	0	2195	1
May	853	665	75	86	3	5.00	62	1	2468	2
Total	3783	2910	320	485	22	4.20	348	1	11544	7

Total 9-1-1 Calls by Month & Type



-1.4%

% Change
Year-to-Date
Total 9-1-1 Calls

3,783

2021 Year-to-Date
Total 9-1-1 Calls

3,836

2020 (Jan-May)
Total 9-1-1 Calls

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Field Services

- 303 offense and arrest reports were generated, including a summary of the following incidents by type:
 - No robberies occurred.
 - 21 thefts from vehicles were reported in May. Many of the thefts occurred from unlocked vehicles.
 - 18 incidents of criminal damaging occurred, including incidents tied to offenses at the construction of Walnut Trace (Ridenour Road) and Gahanna-Lincoln High School.
 - Two burglaries and nine breaking & entering offenses were reported. Several incidents occurred on the same evening at Walnut Trace. Three incidents at Gahanna Lincoln High School resulted in one arrest.
 - No stolen vehicles were reported.
 - Incidents of assaults (no domestic nexus) are as follows:
 - ~Five aggravated assaults – three offenses reports; two arrest reports
 - ~10 simple assaults – five offense reports; five arrests.

Domestic-related responses include:

- ~21 documented disputes that did not involve a criminal offense.
- ~Five incidents resulted in arrests.
- ~One offense report was forwarded for investigation or further prosecutorial review.

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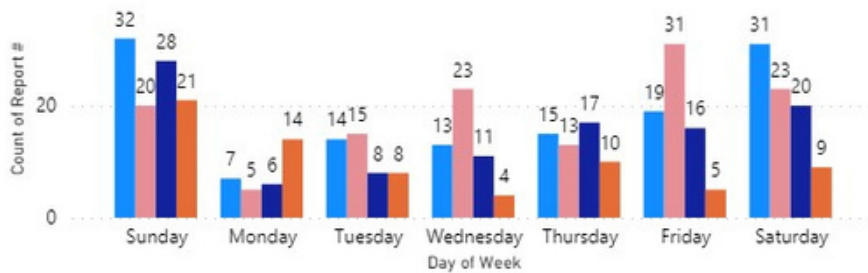
Field Services (continued)

- Drug offenses for the month include:
 - Drug/Narcotics violations – two offense reports; two arrests.
 - Drug equipment violations – one offense report; one arrest.
 - Two overdose responses occurred during the month. One involved an unknown opioid.
- Six arrest warrant entries were made during the month.
- Officers conducted 390 self-initiated traffic stops with 139 traffic violators issued citations; 12 arrests were made from the stops.
- The Division responded to 29 motor vehicle crashes with a further breakdown as follows:
 - No traffic fatalities occurred during the month.
 - One crash was classified as serious injury suspected: 3.4% of crash responses.
 - Three were classified as minor injury suspected: 10.3% of crash responses.
 - Two were classified as injury possible: 6.9% of responses.
 - The remaining 23 crashes were classified as Property Damage Only (PDO): 79.3% of responses.
 - Three crashes occurred on IR-270: 10.3% of all crash responses in Gahanna.
 - Four incidents involved alcohol and/or drug impairment: 13.7% of crash responses involved a level of impairment.
 - No commercial vehicles were involved in crashes during the month.
 - Distractions were reported in ten of the 29 reported crashes: 34.4% of all crashes involved some level of operator distraction.
- Patrol officers conducted 6 arrests for impaired driving (OVI).
 - Two arrestees refused to submit to chemical testing.
 - The average blood alcohol content for the 15 arrestees that submitted to testing was .17 or just over twice the legal limit of intoxication in Ohio.
 - Saturday evening into Monday morning resulted in the highest number of arrests: 12.

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Arrests by Day of Week

Year ● 2018 ● 2019 ● 2020 ● 2021

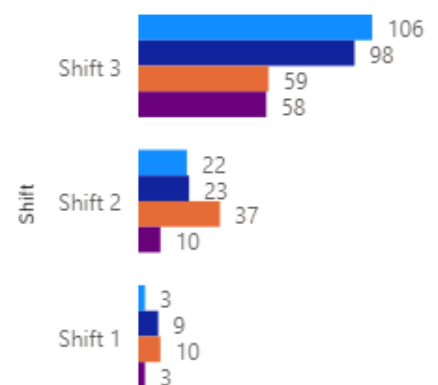


Average BAC



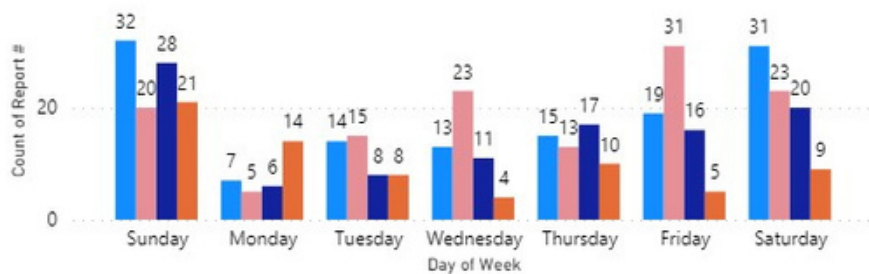
OVI by Year and Shift

Year ● 2018 ● 2019 ● 2020 ● 2021

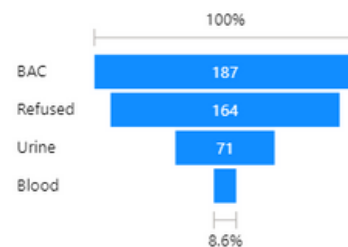


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Year ● 2018 ● 2019 ● 2020 ● 2021



Testing Type Total



Investigative Services:

- The Division's detectives were assigned 94 offense and arrest reports requiring investigative follow-up or other administrative action.
- Detectives obtained 18 investigative subpoenas and executed five search warrants during the month.

Theft Suspects Arrested



Stacy A. Dailey

On June 9, 2021 Jordan R. Knight (age 36) and Stacy A. Dailey (age 44) were indicted by a Franklin County Grand Jury for their role in the theft of over \$115,000 from an elderly Gahanna resident.

The two are alleged to have gained the victim's trust over a period of time and then deceived the victim into relinquishing money.

With the help of tips from the community, the pair were located at a northeast side Columbus hotel and arrested with the assistance of the Columbus Division of Police on June 15, 2021.

Knight and Dailey are in custody, pending an initial appearance in the case.



Jordan R. Knight

Help Needed to Identify Crime Suspects

On April 2, 2021 the suspect shown (right) used a Gahanna resident's banking information to cash a check at a central Ohio Walmart. Other fraudulent charges to the account were made, but no other surveillance footage is available for those transactions. It is unknown how the suspect obtained the victim's information and the fraudulent charges were only discovered after the victim thoroughly reviewed her banking statement.



On May 20, 2021 the suspect shown (right) was responsible for the theft of several hundred dollars' worth of clothing from Kroger Marketplace. Kroger employees witnessed the theft and saw the suspect get into a grey four-door vehicle with another unknown person as the driver.



Anyone with information that may help identify the suspects in these crimes is encouraged to contact the Division's detectives at 614.342.4240.

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Officer Schmueckle Retires



On June 11, 2021 members from the City of Gahanna and the Gahanna Division of Police gathered to wish Officer Carl Schmueckle a happy retirement after 32 years of service.

As a special tribute, a U.S. flag was flown over police headquarters for 32 minutes, in honor of Officer Schmueckle's 32 years of service to the City. The flag was then presented to him in the debut of our newly formed Honor Guard.

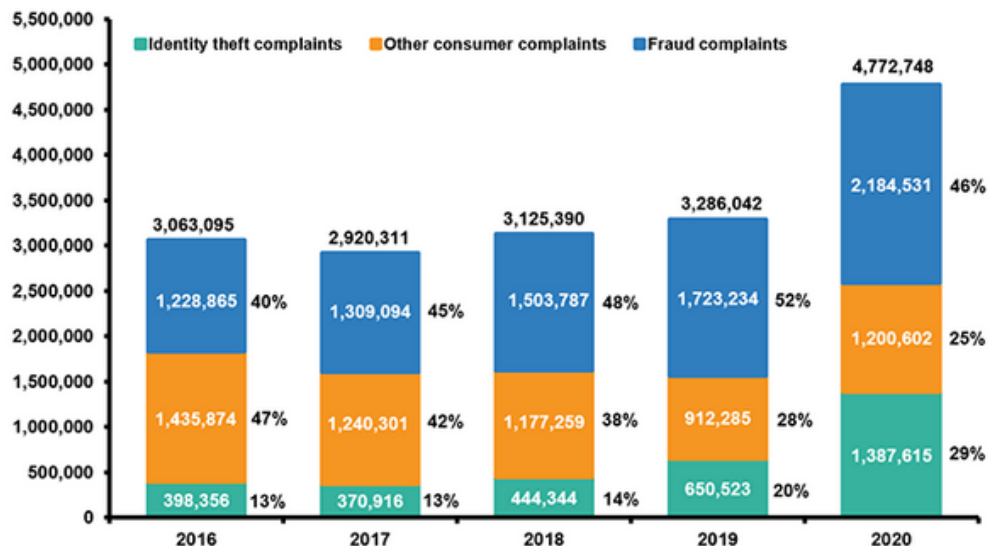
On behalf of Mayor Laurie Jadwin, Safety Director Keith Winn, Chief Jeff Spence, his fellow Division members, and extended City staff, we thank Officer Schmueckle for his service. We all wish him a long, happy, and healthy retirement!

July 24 Shredding & E-Recycling Event



The City of Gahanna will be holding a free Shredding and E-Recycling event 9 am-12 pm Saturday, July 24 in the parking lot of City Hall. Residents can bring outdated documents, as well as electronic storage devices (i.e. hard drives, USBs, etc.) for destruction. The Gahanna Division of Police recommends destroying records when they are no longer needed, to minimize the risk of identity theft. In 2020, the Federal Trade Commission received 4.8 million identity theft and fraud reports--a 45% increase over the 3.3 million reports in 2019.

Identity Theft And Fraud Reports, 2016-2020 (1)



(1) Percentages are based on the total number of Consumer Sentinel Network reports by calendar year. These figures exclude "Do Not Call" registry complaints.

Source: Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Sentinel Network.

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Thank you!

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"The Mission of the Gahanna Division of Police is to serve and protect our diverse community by building partnerships in order to provide professional law enforcement services that safeguard the lives, rights, and property of all."

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